

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

No. 22-1284C

(Filed: October 28, 2022)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

MARY LOUISE DRESSLER, *

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Plaintiff, *

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v. *

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THE UNITED STATES, *

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Defendant. *

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ORDER

Ms. Mary Louise Dressler, proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil action against the United States of America. To proceed with a civil action in this Court, a plaintiff must either pay \$402.00 in fees—a \$350.00 filing fee plus a \$52.00 administrative fee—or request authorization to proceed without prepayment of fees by submitting a signed application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914, 1915.

Ms. Dressler submitted her complaint without the filing fees or a completed IFP application. In an order dated September 14, 2022, this Court ordered Ms. Dressler to either pay the \$402.00 in required fees or submit an IFP application within thirty days. *See* Order (ECF 6). To date, Ms. Dressler has failed to comply with this Court’s previous order.

This Court may dismiss a case for failure to prosecute when the plaintiff “fails ... to comply with these rules or a court order.” RCFC 41(b). Here, Plaintiff’s failure to comply with an order directing her to pay the filing fee or establish grounds for proceeding *in forma pauperis* justifies dismissal. *See, e.g., Bryant v. United States*, 618 F. App’x 683, 686 (Fed. Cir. 2015) (“If a party fails to pay the requisite filing fee, despite adequate notice and ample opportunity to do so, the Claims Court acts within its discretion when it dismisses the action.”). As a result, this action is dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute under Rule 41 of the Rules of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Stephen S. Schwartz
STEPHEN S. SCHWARTZ
Judge